

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO PETROL PUMP OWNERS BELONGING TO SC/ST
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide any security to the owners of petrol pumps allotted by the Government to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the widows;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure ownership right of the people as the influential people often take undue advantage of their poverty;
- (c) whether the Government have launched any drive to enquire into the security for such poor people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Under the Corpus Fund Scheme, the dealers-select of retail outlet dealerships under the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes category are given the dealerships by the Oil Companies in a completed condition and appropriate working capital is given to him/her on loan at an interest of 11%, recoverable in 100 monthly instalments, commencing from the 13th month of operation. According to the guidelines, issued by the Government for the reconstitution of dealerships/ distributorships, owing to constraints being faced by LOI holders, all categories of allottees can take financial partners from inception, after the issue of the LOI subject to the condition that the new partners must satisfy the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, income, residence, multiple dealership norms, etc. applicable for selection at the time of reconstitution. In the case of SC/ST Category, the financial partner should belong to that category only.

(c)&(d): There is no such proposal at present.